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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Hai Chi Pham

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For: SHADING CORRECTION METHOD FOR HEAT DEVELOPMENT RECORDING
APPARATUS AND HEAT DEVELOPMENT RECORDING APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 2, 2005. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase portions of claim 1, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention. The Reasons for Allowance also include features not recited in all of the independent claims, namely independent claim 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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